

Senate Resolution 683

By: Senators Stone of the 23rd and Carter of the 42nd

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Burke County High School football team on their Class  
2 AAA Football State Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, through perseverance and iron determination the Burke County Bears finished  
4 their 14-1 season with the first football state championship for Burke County High School;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the Bears scored 50 points or more in six games and 84 points in one game this  
7 season even with the game shortened by the "Mercy Rule"; and

8 WHEREAS, in the state semi-finals game, Burke County scored on nine of its first 11  
9 possessions and rushed for over 500 yards; and

10 WHEREAS, the Bears finished the 2011 season with 666 points scored for one of the highest  
11 totals in state football history; and

12 WHEREAS, 12 players placed on various *Augusta Chronicle* All-Area Teams; and

13 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding  
14 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each  
15 member of the team; their superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute direction of  
16 Coach Eric Parker; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Parker is the *Augusta Chronicle* Coach of the Year and AAA Georgia  
18 Coach of the Year; and

19 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by  
20 performing with courage and precision over months of training and competition, it is  
21 abundantly proper to call them champions.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 congratulate the Burke County High School football team for winning the 2011 AAA  
24 Championship and extend their sincerest best wishes for future success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Burke County High School football  
27 team.